

Senate Resolution 11 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11

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1 A Resolution relating to the Executive Order of the
2 President of the United States titled Protecting the
3 Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United
4 States.

5 WHEREAS, since its founding, the United States of
6 America has been a nation of immigrants; and

7 WHEREAS, throughout its history, the United States
8 of America has welcomed people seeking refuge from war,
9 famine, terrorism, and other atrocities occurring in
10 other nations on every continent; and

11 WHEREAS, Congress passed the federal Displaced
12 Persons Act of 1948 following World War II to aid in
13 the settlement of 400,000 displaced persons; and

14 WHEREAS, the United States joined 145 nations
15 as parties to the 1967 United Nations Protocol on
16 the Status of Refugees in the United States, and
17 since 1975, the United States has accepted more than
18 3,300,000 refugees from the former Soviet Union,
19 Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and Latin
20 America; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1975, Iowa established the Bureau of
22 Refugee Services in response to the fall of Saigon
23 during the Vietnam War and Iowa was the first state to
24 offer resettlement; and

25 WHEREAS, Iowa resettles on average between 650 and
26 700 refugees every year; and

27 WHEREAS, throughout its history, the United States

1 has benefited from the significant contributions of
2 immigrants, asylum-seekers, and refugees who have
3 become scientists, inventors, and entrepreneurs; and
4 WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump signed the
5 Executive Order titled Protecting the Nation from
6 Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States on
7 January 27, 2017, that will prevent at least 90,000
8 persons from entering the United States but fails to
9 exclude the entry of persons from any of the countries
10 involved in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks
11 against the United States; and
12 WHEREAS, the executive order prohibits entry of any
13 refugees awaiting resettlement in the United States for
14 120 days, including refugees who had already received
15 visas; and
16 WHEREAS, the executive order also bars entry by
17 all Syrian refugees into the United States for an
18 indefinite period of time, including people who had
19 already obtained visas; and
20 WHEREAS, since its signing, the executive order
21 has had a grave impact on individuals, families, and
22 businesses around the globe; and
23 WHEREAS, individuals and families who hold visas,
24 green cards, or dual citizenship have been detained,
25 delayed, or refused entry to the United States since
26 the executive order took effect; and
27 WHEREAS, those individuals who have been denied
28 expedient entry into the United States include
29 individuals who have aided the United States' armed
30 forces in various theaters of armed conflict, including

1 in Afghanistan and Iraq; and

2 WHEREAS, the executive order has a disproportionate
3 impact on Muslims; and

4 WHEREAS, the preference of one religion over another
5 is contrary to the traditions, statutes, and the
6 Constitution of the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, religious, civic, and business leaders,
8 including clergy of various faiths and denominations,
9 leaders of many of America's largest companies, and
10 elected officials belonging to both major political
11 parties have publicly expressed strong opposition
12 to the executive order and its implications; NOW
13 THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
15 rejects all of the provisions contained in the
16 President's executive order; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate urges
18 President Donald J. Trump to immediately rescind the
19 executive order; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
21 Resolution be sent to President Donald J. Trump,
22 Vice President and President of the Senate Michael
23 Pence, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate
24 Mitchell McConnell, Jr., the Speaker of the United
25 States House of Representatives Paul Ryan, Jr., the
26 Governor of Iowa Terry E. Branstad, and each member of
27 Iowa's congressional delegation.